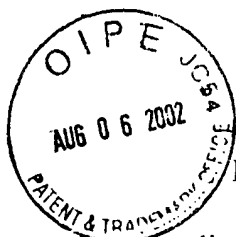


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This is responsive to the 05/01/2002 Office Action for the above-described application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111(a) and 1.112, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application, based on the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with newly amended 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(i), (ii) and (iii), a clean copy of the paragraphs (as amended) in the originally filed Specification appears below. To ensure further compliance with the rule and for the convenience of the Examiner, a marked-up version of all changes to said paragraphs are included in Appendix A. In making these amendments, no new matter is believed entered.